

Application No. 10/817,621

a. Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Canceled).
Claim 2 (Canceled).
Claim 3 (Canceled).
Claim 4 (Canceled).
Claim 5 (Canceled).
Claim 6 (Canceled).
Claim 7 (Canceled).
Claim 8 (Canceled).
Claim 9 (Canceled).
Claim 10 (Canceled).
Claim 11 (Canceled).
Claim 12 (Canceled).
Claim 13 (Canceled).
Claim 14 (Canceled).
Claim 15 (Canceled).

16 (Previously amended). A packer apparatus for pushing or packing leaves or other debris into a trash container, the packer apparatus comprising:

- (a) a substantially planar head portion;
- (b) a brace connected on one side to a substantially planar underside of the head portion; and
- (c) a mount portion connected to an opposite side of the brace, the mount portion being generally cylindrical in shape and comprising an open end for receiving an end of a handle; wherein the brace portion is generally conical in shape, and comprises a

base attached to the head portion, and a frustum attached to the first, open end of the open-ended mount portion, and wherein a longitudinal axis of the brace is aligned with a longitudinal axis of the open-ended mount portion; and wherein the brace further comprises a plurality of spaced apart, similarly sized brace apertures extending through the frustum.

17 (Previously amended). The packer apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the head portion is generally circular in shape.

18 (Previously amended). The packer apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the head portion is generally rectangular in shape.

Claim 19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Canceled).

23 (Previously presented). The packer apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the substantially planar head portion is angled with respect to a longitudinal axis of the handle.

24 (Previously presented). The packer apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein a longitudinal axis of the mount portion is angled in relation to a longitudinal axis of the head portion.